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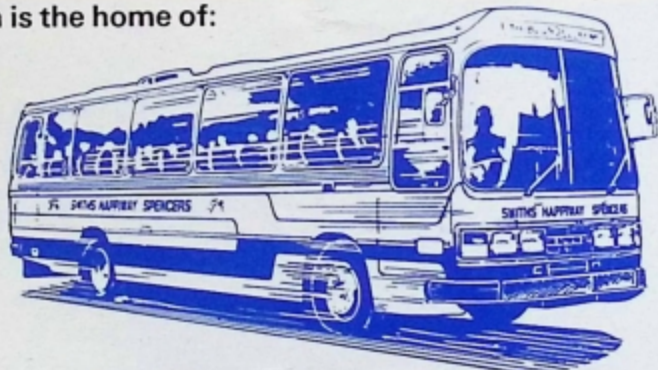
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LARRY LLOYD

Good evening, and welcome to
Peterborough United, for our first meeting
with them this season. They have figured in
the promotion scene for the past few
seasons, and I am sure this season will be
no different.

Our home form this season, despite
picking up a lot of useful points, has been
generally disappointing, as we seem to play
our best football away from home, so it
would be satisfactory if we could turn in a
sparkling performance tonight, and against
the better clubs, this is always possible.

Once again the weather has played
havoc with the fixtures, but we have
managed to keep sharp with some practice
matches and some hard training sessions.
The result and performance of the team
after the last lay-off could not have been
better, so let us hope for the same thing
tonight.

Best Wishes,

Larry Lloyd.



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Scene Four

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Jack Farrimond was the first ever Secretary of Wigan Athletic fifty years ago this month. As his memory is as clear today as it was then, we have asked him to record, in a series of articles, the history of the club for the programme, so let us join him on his first walk "Down Memory Lane".

"Wigan Athletic actually became a football club in January, 1932. After the tragic downfall of Wigan Borough in October, 1931, wheels were immediately set into motion to form another club, and a steering committee did a great amount of spade-work until January, 1932, when it was actually resolved to form another club, and float another company in the name of Wigan Athletic A.F.C. Ltd. Springfield Park was purchased from the liquidators of the old club for £3,500 and a committee of eleven, who eventually became Directors, stood as guarantors at the Bank for this amount of money.

All that was now required was a League to play in, and that was not possible until the Lancashire Football Association accepted our application to become Members of the County Association. As the L.F.A. did not hold their Annual Meeting until July in that year, it was not possible to apply for League status.

July saw the Chairman — Joseph Howarth (representing the club at the L.F.A. meeting) pleading our case for membership. This was not easy, as the failure of Wigan Borough did not please the Football Legislators of that day. After a long interview with the L.F.A. Council, Mr.

Howarth, however, was granted Associate Membership of the County Association. This meant we could operate as a Football Club and the Cheshire League had already provisionally accepted us pending the L.F.A.'s decision.

That County Association meeting was held at the Queens Hotel, Lytham, and Charlie Spencer — ex. English International — was waiting in the Foyer for interview. He was appointed player-manager that day and given only about three weeks to sign a team. This he did with great success. The first game at home attracted a crowd of over 7,000 against Port Vale Reserves. There was great enthusiasm all that season, and football was again booming in the town.

The team signed by Charlie Spencer operated on a full-time basis, with a wage of no more than £4 per week which, of course, was almost equal to Football League wages in those days.

As the weeks go by, I will endeavour to continue this walk down "Memory Lane".

J.H. Farrimond,

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Aldershot				3-2	2-0	1-2				0-0	3-1	1-2			2-3								1-1	2-1	0-1	
Blackpool					0-3	1-1	5-0	7-1				3-1										2-0	2-1	0-2		
Bournemouth						3-2	2-0	2-0							1-1		1-1	1-0	2-0	0-0				0-0		
Bradford			4-1					2-1	3-0	1-0		1-1					1-0	2-0	0-2					3-3	6-2	
Bury								2-0						0-2		7-1	3-1	3-2	3-0	4-0	2-0			5-3		
Colchester			1-1				1-1						4-0						2-1			3-0	4-0	1-2	4-0	
Crewe			2-3				1-2			1-0	0-1							0-2	1-2	3-0		0-1			1-1	
Darlington				2-2	1-5		1-2				1-1				1-0		0-0	1-1	2-0		2-0		1-2	0-2		
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Hull			1-2			2-1		2-3									1-1			2-1			1-2	0-2	0-0	
Mansfield				2-2	0-1	0-2	1-1		0-1			3-2	2-1	3-3		4-1			4-3						1-2	
Northampton				0-1	3-1	0-2		3-0				2-3	1-1							1-1	1-2	0-0	3-2			
Peterborough			7-1		1-0				3-0				3-1		1-0	1-0			5-1					0-1		
Port Vale			1-0					2-1		0-0	5-2		2-1	0-0			1-3			0-2	1-0					
Rochdale			0-0	0-0				1-2				2-1						1-2			0-1	4-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	
Scunthorpe				1-1		1-3						2-1	2-2	4-4										2-1	0-3	
Sheffield Utd				3-1				1-0	4-0			1-1	2-2		4-1					1-0			2-0			
Stockport			4-2		1-2	2-3			2-0		2-1				3-0		3-0				1-0		2-1			
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COMING SHORTLY

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The entry of Bradford City into the Football League in 1903 was remarkable for two reasons. The first was that the club had the distinction of being admitted in May 1903 before they had played a match; the second was that it marked the birth of Association Football in Manningham in what had been a Rugby stronghold.

Any doubts that both decisions were premature were dispelled soon. Four years later the Second Division Championship was won and three years later, in 1911, the F.A. Cup was carried back to Bradford after beating Newcastle United in a replayed final, in a season in which the club finished fifth in the First Division.

Since those early days success has been hard to come by, bright spots being the winning of the old Third Division (North) Championship in 1928-29 and promotion to the Third Division in 1968-69 and in 1976-77 whole the excellent F.A. Cup run in 1975-76 to the sixth round, and going out to the eventual winners, Southampton, provided a welcome upsurge in the club's fortunes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 23rd January, 1982
WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- BRADFORD CITY
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Additional re-arranged away fixture
Tuesday, 26th January, 1982.
CREWE ALEXANDRA -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR
KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

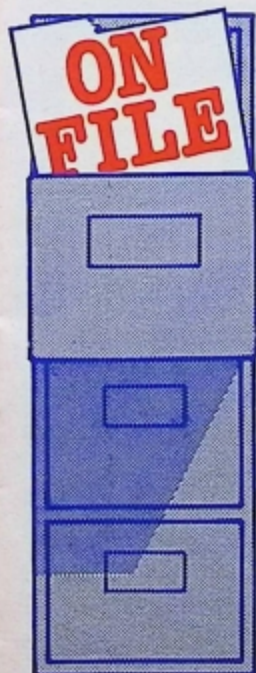


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One great advantage of my job is that I am able to express my opinions through this column, and on one certain matter I feel rather strongly; that is, the description in the press of our crowd of 4,133 at the Tranmere game as "miserable". That particular game was organised on New Years Eve and, with no papers on the Bank Holiday, it was Saturday before the local paper could publicise the game properly, and it was Tuesday before the national press mentioned it. Not only was it difficult to discover the game was on, (some people turned up expecting to see Aldershot!), it was a very cold night, and whilst we may have invented "all-weather" pitches, we have yet to develop "all-weather" spectators. Whilst I was predicting a crowd of 3,500, we had over 4,000 — and only fifty five of them were from Tranmere. So to the 4,133, and

all those who could not make it for whatever reason, "thank you".

On a lighter note, I was recently reckoning up our disciplinary points, when Dunc. Colquhoun, our physiotherapist, walked into my office and told me about one of the rare occasions when he incurred the wrath of the referee. After a rather heavy tackle on one of the opposition, Dunc. was summoned to the referee's side. "Name", said the ref? "Duncan Colquhoun", came the reply, in as broad a Scottish accent as you will ever hear. "What?" said a confused ref. "Duncan Colquhoun" "Duncolquhoun?" "No, Duncan Colquhoun". Still baffled, the referee put his pencil and book away and said, "Well, Dunbar Too Soon, clear off and don't do it again!"

Best wishes,
Colin Burke, Secretary.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



Harold Ashurst

The weather continues to wipe out the majority of amateur and schoolboy games, with match after match being called off, sometimes days in advance of it's scheduled playing date. Needless to say, because of that situation, the amateur soccer scene is quiet at the moment, with officials of all the teams in the area clicking their heels, twiddling their thumbs and the like, and praying for a thaw and a break in the weather. The situation now borders on the critical, with both Wigan Amateur League, and the Post and Chronicle, watching a build-up of postponed games, and powerless to do a thing about it.

But the situation doesn't end there. Even when the grounds do thaw, many of them will face the problem of flooding, and of course the conditions recently, mean they haven't been rolled, so pools of water will no doubt be in evidence. Not all grounds will be affected of course, Wigan has it's noted flooding grounds, but it also has pitches renowned for clearing and getting back to normal quickly, so teams will probably have to use these to the full extent when the thaw eventually comes.

Recent developments took place on the proposed sports complex in Scot Lane, and if all goes well, there should be some extra pitches available for soccer clubs next season. A recent meeting of Wigan Recreation and Amenities Committee, the body responsible for pitches and all leisure activities, called for a "more realistic" report on the proposed cost of the sports complex on the reclaimed land, after hearing one estimate of £5 million. That's totally out of their reach of course, but that decision shouldn't affect the work currently being done there, which is the seeding of the ground, and the preparation of football and rugby pitches. No-one knows yet how many fields will be available but if the land is utilised to the full, there should be some easing of the present critical pitch situation in the town.

And more good news is that work is expected to be completed in August this year, in time for the new local soccer season to begin.

Watch this space for further developments.

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PICTURE



Peter Houghton and Mike Quinn in action against "the Posh" in March 1981. Photographs by David Cookson.



GALLERY

NOTICE BOARD

Mr. J. Howalik,
Battersby Street,
Higher Ince,
Nr. Wigan.

Dear Sir,

As regards Tuesday's match against Tranmere Rovers, I find myself putting pen to paper. I wholeheartedly agree with Larry Lloyd's comments regarding the minority of people (not fans) at all home matches, I think that their only hobby is to come down to the ground, and for ninety minutes non-stop, try to shout the players down.

They sometimes go right through the team with their abuse, I as a true fan, like us to win every game, but that's impossible. We have slip-ups, we've got to take the rough with the smooth. I personally think since the season started, it's been like a breath of fresh air at Springfield Park. We've got the players who want to win, we've got a manager committed to getting promotion, and what's more important, we've got directors who believe in going places, and want to get there!

We for our part (the "True Blues"), must get right behind our team. At times Springfield Park on match days resembles a morgue. We wait and see what's going on before we commit our support. There's one thing certain, the teams above us will not give up easily a place in Division Three, so it's important that we all help one another on the field, and off it!

Yours sincerely,
Mr. J. Howalik.

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RESERVE

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

League table up to and incl. 19th December

Div. 1

Chorley Res.	13	6	5	2	22	15	17
Oldham Ath. Res.	14	6	5	3	22	17	17
Carlisle Utd. Res.	10	7	2	1	23	10	16
Rochdale Res.	12	6	4	2	23	12	16
Wigan Ath. Res.	11	6	3	2	16	6	15
Tranmere Rovers Res.	12	7	1	4	20	15	15
Barrow Res.	14	5	5	4	24	20	15
Man. Utd. A	13	4	5	4	19	17	13
Everton A	13	5	3	5	19	18	13
Altrincham Res.	14	4	5	5	19	23	13
Liverpool A	14	4	3	7	24	28	11
Wrexham A	15	3	5	7	24	34	11
Port Vale Res.	12	4	2	6	11	16	10
Chester A	12	3	4	5	17	23	10
Bolton W. A	11	3	0	8	15	29	6
Stockport C. A	10	1	0	9	6	21	2

Div. 2

Bury A	11	9	0	2	32	15	18
Man. Utd. B	12	8	2	2	23	12	18
Blackpool A	12	7	3	2	33	16	17
Blackburn R. A	12	8	1	3	26	17	17
Man. C. A	10	6	4	0	25	7	16
Southport A	13	7	2	4	21	19	16
Burnley A	10	4	2	4	8	9	10
Oldham Ath. B	11	4	1	6	20	21	9
Liverpool B	13	4	1	8	21	24	9
Wigan Ath. A	11	2	1	8	17	25	5
Formby A	8	2	1	5	6	18	5
Crewe Alex. A	11	1	3	7	15	29	5
Preston N.E. B	10	1	3	6	11	33	5
Chorley A	6	0	0	6	4	17	0

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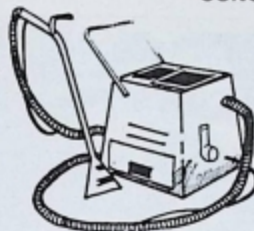
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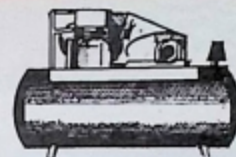
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PETERBOROUGH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB — SEASON 1981-1982

Back Row: (left to right) Tony Cliss, Greg Shelton, Dave Syrett, Melvin Gwinnett, Keith Waugh, Tony Smith, Ian Phillips, Trevor Quow. Third Row: Bill Harvey (Physiotherapist), Tim Gale, Campbell Chapman, Trevor Slack, Jackie Gallagher, Stephen Collins, John Winters, Gordon Hodgson, Geoff Butler (Coach). Second Row: Mick Gynn, Robbie Cooke, Steve Massey, Peter Morris (Manager), Colin Clarke, Phil Chard, Billy Kellock, Billy Rodaway. Front Row: Paddy Rayment, Michael Dixon (No longer with the Club) Mark Smitheringale, Graham Scarff (Youth Development Officer), Mario Ippolito, Simon Wilson, Richard Sutton.

Tonight, we have the pleasure of entertaining Peterborough United, and I am sorry to report that their Chairman, Mr. H.W. Wright died a couple of weeks ago. We offer our sincere condolences, both to the club, and his family.

Peterborough was formed in 1923, and were then known as Peterborough and Fletton United. In 1934, they turned professional and were re-christened Peterborough United, that year they also became a Limited Company.

In 1960, they were elected to the Football League, Division Four, and in their first

season, were promoted to Division Three — creating a record by scoring 134 goals. In 1968, they returned to Division Four for financial irregularities, and remained in this Division until 1974, when they were promoted once again to Division Three.

It is interesting to note that we have never been beaten by Peterborough, and many of our spectators will remember, in our non-league days, in 1970, that dramatic last minute penalty win in the F.A. Cup, Second Round, before a gate of over 17,000 — Jim Fleming scoring from the spot, making the score 2-1 — Wigan were drawn against Manchester City at Maine Road in the Third

Round. The home of Peterborough, known as The London Road ground, is in a convenient centre of town spot, it has a 30,000 capacity, with ample car-parking space adjoining the ground. They have a large and very active ground. They can be rated to have one of the top six grounds in Division Four.

We extend a warm welcome tonight to the Peterborough United. We are pleased to have them as guests, and hope that the entertainment provided will be as expected from two clubs fighting for promotion.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

Season 1979-1980	P'bor'gh Utd. 1 Wigan Ath. 2
26th December, 1979.	Att. 3,312
	Scorers: Wigan Ath: Quinn, Gore (pen)
5th April, 1980	Wigan Ath. 2 P'bor'gh Utd. 1
	Att. 6,094
	Scorers: Wigan Ath: Methven, Gore (pen)
Season 1980-1981	Wigan Ath. 1 P'bor'gh Utd. 1
11th October, 1980	Att. 4,851
	Scorer: Carrigan
4th March, 1981	P'bor'gh Utd. 0 Wigan Ath. 0
	Att. 3,455

DAVE SYRETT (Forward) Signed 2 seasons ago for £50,000 from Walsall, Syrett was a regular in the side last season. He started his career with Swindon before going to Mansfield. Born in Salisbury he is married with 2 children.

STEVE MASSEY (Forward) Made football league debut as an apprentice professional for Stockport County in the season of '74. Steve had 4 seasons with Stockport County before moving to Bournemouth in 1978 for £5,000. He had 3 seasons with Bournemouth before joining Peterborough United in the close season.

STEPHEN COLLINS (Full Back) Nineteen year old local lad who has come up through the Youth team ranks and was signed as a full professional in 1979 after being an apprentice. Stephen was hit by injuries last season, meaning he only made one appearance at Hereford on the last day. Although still young, he has over 40 League games behind him.

ROBBIE COOKE (Forward) Top goalscorer in the Fourth Division last season. Claiming the Daily Express/Adidas Golden Boot Award for 80/81 season given to the player who scores the most goals in the Fourth Division in Robbie's case 29 in all. Cooke was signed for £12,000 from Grantham, after being rejected by Mansfield.

PHILIP CHARD (Midfield) Joined the club under John Barnwell as a non-contract player he is 20 years old and comes from Corby.

GORDON HODGSON (Midfield) A £10,000 buy from Oxford at the start of last season, Gordon was at Mansfield and well known to Peter Morris who was once in charge at Field Mill himself. Hodgson began his career with Newcastle United who introduced him into League Football. At one time he skipped their Central League side at a tender age. Later he played for Mansfield and Oxford in a career which has produced more than 250 league appearances.

BILLY KELLOCK (Midfield) Club Captain Kellock boasts a fine goalscoring record from midfield. He cost a bargain £25,000 from non-league Kettering two years ago. Scored 15 goals last season and 23 the previous one. Previously had a league career with Aston Villa, Cardiff and Norwich.

MICHAEL GYNN (Midfield) Voted the Advertiser Player of the season and the Evening Telegraph Player of the year for 80/81 season, the fast raiding left sided midfielder is reckoned to be one of the most exciting players in the Fourth Division. He is 19 years old and lives in Whittlesey.

PERSONALITIES

NEIL FREEMAN (Goalkeeper) Joined Peterborough United from Birmingham in September, 1981. Previous clubs: Arsenal, Grimsby and Southend. Also had loan periods at Walsall and Huddersfield. 6'3". 26 years old.

TREVOR QUOW (Midfield) Trevor is 20 years old and another product of the Youth Policy. Trevor travelled with the England Youth team when he was 17. He plays on the right hand side of midfield, he only missed a handful of games last season.

BILLY RODAWAY (Defender) Billy signed for Burnley at 15 as an Apprentice, signing professionally 71/72 season. He played 10 seasons as a professional at Burnley making 200 League appearances. He played 9 schoolboy internationals during 70/71 season. He is married with 2 young children.

TREVOR SLACK (Defender) Joined the club as an apprentice professional in the 79/80 season. Gained three England Youth team caps at the end of last season an indication of his progress. Still in his teens. Slack is the Club's regular number five. He lives locally at Farcey.

TONY SMITH (Defender) Tony followed Manager Peter Morris from Newcastle. He was born in Sunderland and has always been on the fringe of the first team without holding down a regular place. He is 24 and married.

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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 16

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.
Manchester United/Eire man; Defenders;
One of the Turners; Minnesota ---

CLUB CLUE No. 16

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:
Rubbish piled up where the ships are loaded.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 16

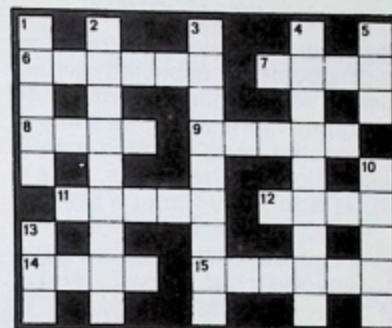
Re-order the letters in each of the words **HUSTLERS** and **WOODED** to find the names of two 'Park' grounds.

QUICK QUIZ No. 16

- Who scored 410 goals in 408 League games (nearly all for Celtic)?
- Which club last scored 100 goals in a season in the First Division?
- Who were "Smash and Grab"?
- What Afrikaans word meaning 'hill' is well-known to soccer fans?
- Who took PNE to the 1954 FA Cup final in his only season as a manager in England?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 16 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

- He played his 100th League match for Wednesday this season, having previously helped Doncaster, Forest, Derby and Southampton (6)
- & 7. This big defender was a regular for Fulham from his debut in 1977 (4,4)
- When he went from 4 down to Kenilworth Road in 1979 he was a record transfer for each of the clubs concerned (5)
- Italian club known as "The Red Devils" who, of course, in 1981 signed the top scorer of our own team with that tag (5)
- In 1980 --- Kearney repeated his 1978 move from Chester to Reading (4)
- Scottish managers Totten, Smith or Rae, say (4)
- The nickname of Crystal Palace (6)

DOWN

- Peter --- has been capped whilst with Everton, York and Aldershot (5)
- Newport County's nickname (9)
- A corner of sorts (9)
- Fire put this ground out of action for several weeks at the start of last season (9)
- Fenton managed Colchester and West Ham (3)
- Shrewsbury were --- Cup winners in 1977 and 1979 and runners-up in 1980, in each case playing the decisive match at ... (5)
- ... --- Meadow (3)

OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

The weather can have the strangest effect on people... especially when it deprives soccer starved fanatics of their regular fayre. And there lies a tale as to what I was doing, freezing to death, high on the moors, (it felt like it), at Boundary Park on Boxing Day. A fixture between Oldham Athletic and Blackburn Rovers isn't exactly anyone's cup of tea... and it didn't take me long to find out it wasn't mine either.

The game was hit and miss, and all over by the interval, by which time most of the Rovers fans were overcome with Festive Cheer. The Oldham fans, or most of them, didn't seem to have an opinion. Simply because most of them were still queueing to get in by the time their side had fallen 2-0 behind.

And that's where I must stand back and admire the British public. I mean, who else would queue up in sub-zero temperatures, on a public holiday, for the privilege of paying £1.70 to get in to a game 30 minutes

late... to find their team already trailing by 2-0.

Anyway, it wasn't all that bad, but I'm afraid the man who came to open the gates late on in the game, nearly got crushed in my rush to get home.

Incidentally, those of you who journeyed through the fog, ice and snow to Mansfield might have admired the main stand at Field Mill. Well, you might be surprised to learn that the same stand once housed hundreds of punters at a racecourse (I can't remember which one).

Carefully, it was patiently taken down bit by bit and transported to Nottinghamshire, to be put together again — that's what I call thriftiness.

Anyway, let's hope the weather relents to enable Clubs to catch up on the backlog of fixtures. Latics next trip is to Northampton, where, if the pitch is too treacherous, we could always ask the groundsman to prepare a wicket, and slog it out over 50 overs for the three points!

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1959-60	Southampton	61	Norwich City	59
1960-61	Bury	68	Walsall	62
1961-62	Portsmouth	65	Grimsby Town	62
1962-63	Northampton Town	62	Swindon Town	58
1963-64	Coventry City	60	Crystal Palace	60
1964-65	Carlisle United	60	Bristol City	59
1965-66	Hull City	69	Millwall	65
1966-67	Queens Park Rangers	67	Middlesbrough	55
1967-68	Oxford United	57	Bury	56
1968-69	Watford*	64	Swindon Town	64
1969-70	Orient	62	Luton Town	60
1970-71	Preston North End	61	Fulham	60
1971-72	Aston Villa	70	Brighton	65
1972-73	Bolton Wanderers	61	Notts County	57
1973-74	Oldham Athletic	62	Bristol Rovers	61
1974-75	Blackburn Rovers	60	Plymouth Argyle	59
1975-76	Hereford United	63	Cardiff City	57
1976-77	Mansfield Town	64	Brighton & Hove A.	61
1977-78	Wrexham	61	Cambridge United	58
1978-79	Shrewsbury Town	61	Watford	60
1979-80	Grimsby Town	62	Blackburn Rovers	59
1980-81	Rotherham United	61	Barnsley*	59

*Won on goal average

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Believe it or not, these are the first Programme Notes to be written for over a month. The notes for the Tranmere game were actually written in Mid December, so there is quite a bit of catching up to do.

As most of you will realise, the "All-Weather Pitch" didn't quite live up to its name, having been closed for over a month. It wasn't the fault of the surface, but the dressing rooms — the freezing weather burst all the pipes. Because of this the netball had to be suspended, but happily, or hopefully, we should be able to resume this weekend — Friday 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m., Sunday 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

The Coca Cola sessions start again on Saturday, 23rd January, so if you haven't already put your name down and you want to take part, please give me a ring.

On the soccer front it looks as though we may, at last, have found a home. Although it is not quite signed and sealed, I'm pretty optimistic it soon will be, but after all the disappointments of the past, that's all I'm going to say for now.

We will be announcing details of a Penalty Prize Competition within the next few weeks. All members will be able to take part and the finals will be held on the Springfield Park pitch. More details in a week or so.

All those who attended our last meeting with Elton Welsby will know what a great night it was. It's not easy handing out 60 or so Certificates and Badges one after the other, believe me, but I do know that Elton himself enjoyed the evening and was greatly impressed with the Junior Latics.

Matchday Mascot

Tonight's Mascot is 10 year old David Price from Springfield.

He attends Sacred Heart Junior School and his hobbies are Soccer, Rugby and Swimming.

David says his favourite players are David Glenn, Larry Lloyd and Colin Methven.

Have a happy day David.

John Fillingham
Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS





MAGIC MOMENTS OF 1981

Above: Kevin Sheldon and Peter Houghton congratulate Clive Evans, having just scored against Chelsea.
Below: Springfield Park erupts after Peter Houghton's goal against Aston Villa. Photographs by David Cookson.



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SUPPORTERS' CLUB BRANCHES

We are well aware that many of our supporters live too far from Springfield Park to take part in the activities of the Supporters' Club.

It is intended, therefore, to establish Branches of the Club in the various areas in and around Wigan, hopefully based in pubs or clubs, where groups can meet, and organise, various events at which players, management, staff and directors, can attend to hear the views of the fans. Quiz nights, forums, and other social events, lubricated by whatever fine ale happens to be sold on the premises, are examples of the kind of activities envisaged.

So, if you're interested in starting a branch, write in to the Chairman of the Supporters' Club, Springfield Park, Wigan, who will arrange for inaugural meetings to be attended by the players. If Manchester United have got branches of 'their Supporters' Club in Borneo, surely we can have one in Leigh!!

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
+ Player substituted

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

- Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
- In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1981																
AUG. 29	Bradford City	Brown	3-3	4,329	Cribley	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evens	Houghton		
Aug. 31	STOCKPORT CNTY. F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	Brown	3-0	5,079	Cribley	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Braddell	Quinn	Evens	Houghton		
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED		0-1	8,001	McMahon	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evens	Houghton		
Sep. 12	Hartlepool United	Brown	1-2	1,715	McMahon	McAdam	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langleyf	Houghton	Quinn	Evens	Wright		
Sep. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	Ward	2-1	2,913	McMahon	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langleyf	Houghton	Quinn	Evens	Wright		
Sep. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	Ward	3-1	3,996	McMahon	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langleyf	Houghton	Quinn	Evens	Wright		
Sep. 23	PORT VALE	Ward	2-0	4,525	McMahon	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Barrow		
Sep. 26	Tranmere Rovers	Ward	0-0	2,774	McMahon	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Langley		
Sep. 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth	Ward	0-0	4,952	McMahon	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evens	Cribley		
OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED		1-0	4,876	McMahon	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evens	Cribley		
Oct. 6	Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg	Ward	2-2	1,960	McMahon	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Cribley		
Oct. 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY	Ward	2-1	4,873	McMahon	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Cribley		
Oct. 17	Hull City	Ward	2-0	3,600	McMahon	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Cribley		
Oct. 20	Bury	Ward	3-5	6,249	McMahon	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Cribley		
Oct. 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	Ward	2-1	4,553	McMahon	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Cribley		
Oct. 27	ALDERSHOT F.L. Cup 2 2nd Leg	Brown	1-0	4,926	McMahon	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn M	Houghton	Evens	Wright		
Oct. 30	Colchester United	Brown	2-1	3,882	McMahon	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Weston	Evens		
NOV. 4	DARLINGTON		2-1	4,512	McMahon	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Glen	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Weston	Evens		
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED		1-1	4,715	McMahon	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Glen	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Weston	Evens		
Nov. 11	CHELSEA F.L. Cup 3	Tunks	4-2	12,063	McMahon	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Glen	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
Nov. 14	York City	Tunks	0-0	2,780	Cribley	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Glen		
Nov. 21	HARTLEPOOL UNITED F.A. Cup 1	Tunks	2-2	5,303	McMahon	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evens	Glen		
Nov. 25	Hartlepool United F.A. Cup 1R	Tunks	0-1	3,739	Cribley	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evens	Glen		
Nov. 28	Rochdale	Brown	1-1	2,675	McMahon	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evens	Wright		
DEC. 1	ASTON VILLA F.L. Cup 4	Tunks	1-2	15,362	McMahon	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evens	Wright		
Dec. 5	HAIFAX TOWN	Tunks	2-0	4,022	McMahon	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evens	Wright		
1982																
JAN. 2	Mansfield Town	Tunks	2-1	2,157	McMahon	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
JAN. 5	TRANMERE ROVERS	Tunks	0-0	4,133	McMahon	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
JAN. 19	PETERBOROUGH UNITED				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
JAN. 23	BRADFORD CITY				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
JAN. 26	Crewe Alexandra				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
JAN. 30	Northampton Town				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
FEB. 6	HARTLEPOOL UNITED				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
FEB. 8	Port Vale				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
FEB. 13	Torquay United				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
FEB. 26	Stockport County				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAR. 6	HULL CITY				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAR. 9	BURY				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAR. 12	Scunthorpe United				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAR. 16	Darlington				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAR. 20	COLCHESTER UNITED				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAR. 23	Sheffield United				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAR. 27	Hereford United				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
APR. 2	YORK CITY				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
APR. 9	Blackpool				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
APR. 10	CREWE ALEXANDRA				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
APR. 17	Haifax Town				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
APR. 24	ROCHDALE				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAY 1	Peterborough United				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAY 5	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAY 8	MANSHIELD TOWN				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		
MAY 15	Aldershot				Wignall	Glen	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Braddell	Houghton	Evens	Quinn		

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Comment FROM THE CHAIR

This evening's warm welcome to the Directors, players and supporters of Peterborough United is unfortunately also a sad one, as I pass on to them the condolences of all at Wigan Athletic, on the very recent death of their Chairman, Mr. H.W. Wright, a gentleman whose hard work and devotion to the game will be sadly missed.

You may have read in the press that I have received a few letters of complaint concerning barrack-room language on the pitch at Springfield Park. I have discussed the matter with the manager, Larry Lloyd, who is man enough to accept the criticism. It is always difficult to ensure that this aggression and energy in his play does not overflow, and I am sure that in his efforts to become one of the country's top managers, he will learn to bite his tongue and not get carried away, and I would ask the fans to get behind him on this.

With the big freeze continuing to cause havoc with the League and Cup

programmes, there is a great deal of talk of having a regular break in the season. This would, however, surely lead to a lack in continuity, and a fall off of interest, and rather than a break, I think it would make more sense to start the season in mid-February, and continue straight through until mid-November. Whilst it might cause problems for the World Cup, this only takes place every four years, and the main concern of clubs must be to ensure that supporters can watch games played on a proper surface, and watch them in as great a degree of comfort as is possible.

This week we have signed a young forward, John Butler, from Prescott Cables in the Cheshire League, and we hope that after a spell in the reserves, he will develop into the class of player which his present form promises. We are still enquiring at the highest level for a mid-field player, and our recently rejected bid of £40,000 for a First Division player proves that, even with our financial position being in a poor state, we are prepared to go to great lengths to ensure success and promotion.

Enjoy tonight's game.

Yours sincerely,

Freddie Pye,
Chairman.

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Saturday, 23rd January, 1982.
 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
 Wigan Athletic v Bradford City
 Football League Division Four



**WIGAN
 ATHLETIC**
 (Royal Blue & White Stripes)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Mark Wignall
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven *WYN*
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Clive Evans
- 12 Mike Quinn *WESTON*

Referee:
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 (Wirral)

Joined the Football League in 1972 having gained promotion through the Northern Premier, Cheshire County, West Cheshire and Chester Leagues. Refereed the Northern Premier League Challenge Shield in 1976/77. Lined Quarter-Final of Football League Cup in 1973/74 and 1975/76, plus several F.A. Challenge Cup appointments, and also lined a European Cup Quarter Final in 1980.

Keen on most sports with emphasis on physical fitness and takes a keen interest in local Referees' Society and is a member of the Management Committee of the West Cheshire League. Has one son and one daughter and is an inspector with a leading Insurance Company. His wife and family play an active part in many sports.

Linesmen:
 Red Flag Yellow Flag
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 (Formby) (Leeds)

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 (All Yellow)

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- 2 Geoff Butler
- 3 Stephen Collins
- 4 Mick Gynn
- 5 Tony Smith
- 6 Billy Rodaway
- 7 Dave Syrett
- 8 Billy Kellock
- 9 Robbie Cooke
- 10 Gordon Hodgson
- 11 Philip Chard
- 12 Steve Massey